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C O N F I D E N T I A L GABORONE 0876

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TAGS: ECON, BC, ZA

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT KHAMA ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS

REF: LUSAKA 1232

1. DURING MY JULY 1 TOUR D'HORIZON WITH PRESIDENT KHAMA, HE EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER ZAMBIAN ACTIONS JUST ANNOUNCED BY PRESIDENT KAUNDA (REFTEL). KHAMA WONDERED WHAT WOULD BE EFFECT OF SOCIALIST MEASURES GIVEN THE PREVAILING DIFFICULTIES IN ZAMBIAN ECONOMY. PRESIDENT KHAMA REITERATED HIS DEDICATION TO A PRIVATE ENTERPRISE ECONOMY AND HIS CONTINUING INTEREST IN ATTRACTING PRIVATE INVESTMENT. HE ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR INDIVIDUALS, PARTICULARLY THE SMALL FARMER. KHAMA EXPRESSED KEEN INTEREST IN THE WORK OF THE BOTSWANA ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT UNIT (BEDU) WHICH ASSISTS SMALL ENTREPRENEURS IN SETTING UP THEIR BUSINESSES. HE IS CONCERNED THAT, WHILE BOTSWANA'S GDP CONTINUES TO GROW AT ABOUT 15 PER CENT PER ANNUM, RURAL ECONOMIC GROWTH RATE IS ONLY ABOUT 1 PER CENT. HE REITERATED THAT THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY WOULD CONTINUE TO EMPHASIZE AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

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2. ANOTHER TOPIC OF DISCUSSION WAS THE RECENT NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE VISIT. I TOLD THE PRESIDENT THAT THE GROUP WAS MOST IMPRESSED WITH HIS COUNTRY AND THAT THIRTY NEW GOOD WILL AMBASSADORS HAD BEEN MADE FOR BOTSWANA. THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED THANKS FOR THE WAR COLLEGE GIFT.

3. I TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW OUR TRADE AND INVESTMENT PROMOTION EFFORTS IN BOTSWAN, INCLUDING GULF RESOURCES' INTEREST IN THE SUA PAN, H.H. ROBERSON'S ASSEMBLY PLANS, THE POSSIBILITY OF LARGE-SCALE CATTLE RANCHING, HOTELS, TRADE FAIR PARTICIPATION, USDOC AVIAITON AND RAILROAD TRADE MISSIONS.

4. PRESIDENT KHAMA WAS PLEASED ABOUT PROGRESS OF USAID'S PROGRAMS HERE INCLUDING PROSPECTS FOR ABATTOIR LOAN, DRY LAND CROP PRODUCTION PROJECT AND SUPPORT OF IVS. I ALSO INFORMED HIM OF THE TENTATIVE VISIT OF AID/W ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR ADAMS TO BOTSWANA.

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